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Application granted. The time for the Government to file its sentencing submission is adjourned *sine die* until further order of the Court. The Clerk of Court is respectfully requested to terminate the pending lettermotion (Doc. 661).

SO OF DERED.

Philip M. Halpern

United States District Judge

Dated: White Plains, New York June 21, 2023

BY ECF

The Honorable Philip M. Halpern United States District Judge Southern District of New York 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, New York 10601

Re: United States v. Ahmed Walker, S6 20 Cr. 626 (PMH)

Dear Judge Halpern:

The Government writes respectfully in response to the Court's June 12 Order. The Court asked both the Government and current defense counsel (George Goltzer) to write in response to the defendant's letter to Chambers, dated May 29, 2023, and docketed at Dkt. No. 654. On June 20, 2023, the Court ordered that a change of counsel hearing be held on June 27, 2023. In light of this development, as well as the many allegations the defendant lays out against current counsel, the Government respectfully requests that its deadline for submission for sentencing in this case be postponed until the change of counsel hearing is held and new counsel is potentially appointed and has had a chance to confer with the defendant. New counsel, if appointed, could also discuss with the defendant his *pro se* application to withdraw his plea. While the Government believes that any motion to withdraw the defendant's plea is meritless on both the facts and the law in this case, the Government is prepared to respond to the defendant's allegations should the Court order a full response to the defendant's *pro se* application.

Respectfully submitted,

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